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TITLE: CRYSTALLIZATION METHOD AND  
APPARATUS USING AN IMPINGING PLATE  
ASSEMBLY

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A prompt and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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